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PENNSYLVANIA EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS

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PENNSYLVANIA'S MAY RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT MARKS TWELFTH CONSECUTIVE MONTH BELOW NATIONAL RATE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED EMPLOYMENT A RECORD

Current Population Survey (CPS) seasonally adjusted labor force data released in May by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, reveals a slight drop in joblessness among Commonwealth residents. Specifically, the number of jobless residents fell this month by 5,000 to total 302,000. Except for December 1986's count of 299,000, Pennsylvania's seasonally adjusted monthly volume of unemployment has not been lower since October 1974 when 288,000 residents were unemployed and seeking work. Pennsylvania's May seasonally adjusted unemployment rate reflected the Commonwealth's declining joblessness dropping to 5.4 percent in May, off 0.1 percentage point from April. Once again, with the exception of December 1986's rate of 5.4 percent, the rate was lowest since September 1974 when 5.2 percent of Pennsylvania's civilian labor force were jobless. May also marks the fifth occurrence over the past six months that the Commonwealth's seasonally adjusted rate of unemployment was below 6.0 percent and the twelfth consecutive month that the state rate was below that of the nation.

Unemployment, not seasonally adjusted, rose by 5,000 since April to a May total of 300,000. This resident jobless count was 136,000 below the year-ago figure of 436,000 in the Commonwealth. Despite the slight rise, the corresponding jobless rate remained the same as April's rate of 5.4 percent. Reflecting Pennsylvania's improving trend, May's rate was down 2.3 percentage points from the year ago figure of 7.7 percent and lowest for this period since May 1974 when 4.8 percent was recorded.

Seasonally adjusted resident employment soared by 81,000 during May to total 5,319,000. The monthly increase placed the adjusted employment total at an all-time record high level.

The number of employed Pennsylvanians, not adjusted for seasonality, reached a record high for the month of May at 5,289,000. Given the over-the-month rise of 125,000, there were 58,000 more state residents employed during May than were working last year at this time.

NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT REACHES ALL-TIME HIGH IN MAY

Pennsylvania's nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased in May to a new all-time high surpassing the previous high set in June, 1979. The volume of jobs reported was 4,922,700, an increase of 42,000 and 108,400 over the month and year ago numbers, respectively. This represents the fourth straight monthly rise in nonfarm jobs. Over-the-month growth again centered in the nonmanufacturing sector reporting an addition of 40,300 jobs, while manufacturing establishments added 1,600 to payrolls.

For the second consecutive month, Commonwealth nonmanufacturing firms have provided a record number of jobs. Out-pacing the normal April-May job expansion, nonmanufacturing added 40,300 to arrive at a May total of 3,884,900. Industry lines exhibiting the greatest surge were contract construction, up 12,800; retail trade, up 12,700; and service and miscellaneous, up 9,800. Employment growth in construction appears to be evenly distributed among the three major categories of contractors, namely: general building, heavy construction and special trade. Employment in eating and drinking establishments accounted for nearly one-half of retail trade growth, while the majority of increase within service and miscellaneous resulted from amusement and recreation services, up 6,500 as parks and related businesses moved into full swing for the summer.

Manufacturing industries exhibited cautious expansion during May, up 1,600 jobs to total 1,036,000. This particular month's movement, while in a positive direction, was somewhat less then normally occurs this time of year. Durable goods rose by 1,900 to 589,200 in May, 14,000 below the 1986 level. Employment improvement was noted in the hard hit primary metal sector (+1,200); however, job gains within this industry, more specifically blast furnaces and basic steel, were primarily the result of workers continuing to be recalled to their jobs following the settlement of a labor-management dispute.

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS INCREASE IN MAY

Preliminary May figures indicate average hourly earnings among Pennsylvania's manufacturing production workers rose one cent to $9.93 while average weekly hours increased five-tenths to 40.7. These developments translated into an average weekly earnings of $404.15, an over-the-month increase of $5.37. Compared with a year earlier, hourly earnings were up 22 cents while weekly earnings increased by $16.72.

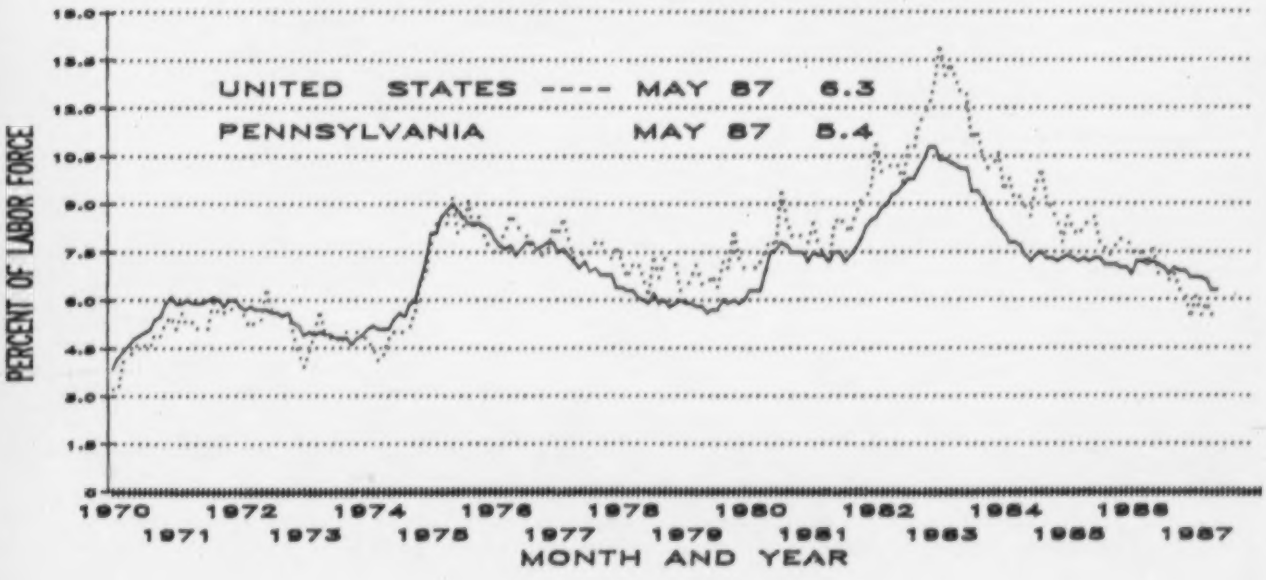
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN PENNSYLVANIA
(All Persons in Thousands)

RESIDENT DATA*	MAY 1987	APRIL 1987	MAY 1986	NET CHANGE FROM: APRIL 1987	NET CHANGE FROM: MAY 1986
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA					
Civilian Labor Force	5,621	5,545	5,702	76.0	-81.0
Employment	5,319	5,238	5,261	81.0	58.0
Unemployment	302	307	441	-5.0	-139.0
Unemployment Rate(%)	5.4	5.5	7.7	-0.1	-2.3
UNADJUSTED DATA					
Civilian Labor Force	5,589	5,459	5,607	130.0	-18.0
Employment	5,289	5,164	5,214	125.0	75.0
Unemployment	300	295	393	5.0	-93.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.4	5.4	7.0	0.0	-1.6

* Reflects BLS, USDOL annual revision to State data issued February 6, 1987.

NOTE: Labor Force data may not add due to rounding.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
FOR UNITED STATES AND PENNSYLVANIA



FOOTNOTES:

P/ Data are preliminary and subject to revision.
Resident Data are workers by place of residence. They include wage and salary workers, self-employed and unpaid family workers and persons involved in labor managements disputes.
Establishment Data are estimates of jobs by place of work. Persons involved in labor management disputes are not included in industry line detail but are included in nonagricultural wage and salary totals.
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment data in this release have been revised to first quarter 1986 benchmarks and are, therefore, not strictly expanded report is published quarterly.

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT

MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRY DETAIL

PENNSYLVANIA: MAY 1987, APRIL 1987, MAY 1986

(Employment in Thousands)

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	MAY 1987 P/	APRIL 1987	MAY 1986	(--NET CHANGE-- FROM APRIL 1987	FROM MAY 1986)
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY	4,922.7	4,880.7	4,814.3	42.0	108.4
MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	1,036.0	1,034.4	1,054.9	1.6	-18.9
DURABLE GOODS INDUSTRIES	589.2	587.3	603.2	1.9	-14.0
LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS	29.1	28.6	26.7	0.5	2.4
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES	20.5	20.4	20.3	0.1	0.2
STONE, CLAY, AND GLASS PRODUCTS	48.0	47.5	47.0	0.5	1.0
PRIMARY METAL INDUSTRIES	90.6	89.4	94.2	1.2	-3.6
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	88.3	88.5	91.0	-0.2	-2.7
MACHINERY, EXCEPT ELECTRICAL	102.9	102.8	107.7	0.1	-4.8
ELECTRIC & ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT	94.3	94.6	98.4	-0.3	-4.1
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	59.7	59.6	59.9	0.1	-0.2
INSTRUMENTS AND RELATED PRODUCTS	34.8	35.1	36.5	-0.3	-1.7
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURES	21.0	20.8	20.9	0.2	0.1
NONDURABLE GOODS INDUSTRIES	446.8	447.1	451.7	-0.3	-4.9
FOOD AND KINDRED PRODUCTS	88.9	88.4	88.2	0.5	0.7
TOBACCO MANUFACTURES	0.8	0.8	1.8	0.0	-1.0
TEXTILE MILL PRODUCTS	31.0	30.9	30.7	0.1	0.3
APPAREL AND OTHER TEXTILE PRODS.	87.8	89.1	93.5	-1.3	-5.7
PAPER AND ALLIED PRODUCTS	40.2	39.9	40.9	0.3	-0.7
PRINTING AND PUBLISHING	81.3	81.7	78.7	-0.4	2.6
CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS	58.4	58.1	58.2	0.3	0.2
PETROLEUM AND COAL PRODUCTS	10.9	10.6	11.0	0.3	-0.1
RUBBER AND PLASTICS PRODUCTS	37.5	37.5	37.8	0.0	-0.3
LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS	10.0	10.1	10.9	-0.1	-0.9
NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	3,884.9	3,844.6	3,756.6	40.3	128.3
MINING	31.2	31.4	34.1	-0.2	-2.9
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	224.1	211.3	202.6	12.8	21.5
TRANSPORTATION	139.1	138.3	140.1	0.8	-1.0
PUBLIC UTILITIES	104.7	104.6	101.2	0.1	3.5
COMMUNICATIONS	50.2	50.5	47.6	-0.3	2.6
ELECTRIC, GAS AND SANITARY	54.5	54.1	53.6	0.4	0.9
WHOLESALE TRADE	269.7	267.9	259.0	1.8	10.7
RETAIL TRADE	861.4	848.7	830.3	12.7	31.1
GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORES	127.0	125.8	122.1	1.2	4.9
FINANCE,INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	287.2	285.1	276.0	2.1	11.2
BANKING	89.2	89.1	86.5	0.1	2.7
INSURANCE CARRIERS	82.7	82.5	78.8	0.2	3.9
SERVICES AND MISCELLANEOUS	1,274.4	1,264.6	1,222.7	9.8	51.7
BUSINESS SERVICES	214.1	211.9	198.8	2.2	15.3
HEALTH SERVICES	414.2	412.3	398.2	1.9	16.0
HOSPITALS	225.8	225.0	220.5	0.8	5.3
LEGAL SERVICES	36.1	35.8	33.5	0.3	2.6
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	145.7	153.2	144.1	-7.5	1.6
SOCIAL SERVICES	82.4	81.2	76.6	1.2	5.8
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES	58.6	58.7	55.8	-0.1	2.8
GOVERNMENT	693.1	692.7	690.6	0.4	2.5
FEDERAL	140.6	139.4	139.7	1.2	0.9
STATE	148.7	152.8	148.6	-4.1	0.1
LOCAL	403.8	400.5	402.3	3.3	1.5
PERSONS IN LABOR-MGMT. DISPUTES	1.8	1.7	2.8	0.1	-1.0

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AVERAGE HOURLY AND WEEKLY EARNINGS AND WEEKLY HOURS
MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRY DETAIL
PENNSYLVANIA: MAY 1987, APRIL 1987 AND MAY 1986
(Production Worker Averages)

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
INDUSTRY	MAY 1987 P/	APRIL 1987	MAY 1986	MAY 1987 P/	APRIL 1987	MAY 1986	MAY 1987 P/	APRIL 1987	MAY 1986
MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	404.15	398.78	387.43	40.7	40.2	39.9	9.93	9.92	9.71
DURABLE GOODS	442.85	438.61	428.40	41.7	41.3	40.8	10.62	10.62	10.50
LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS	359.02	356.55	313.63	43.1	42.7	39.6	8.33	8.35	7.92
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES	346.87	336.02	329.72	40.1	39.3	38.7	8.65	8.55	8.52
STONE, CLAY, AND GLASS PRODS.	442.04	440.66	425.46	43.0	42.7	42.0	10.28	10.32	10.13
PRIMARY METALS	531.70	525.01	506.21	42.4	41.9	40.4	12.54	12.53	12.53
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	427.01	427.25	410.25	41.7	41.4	40.3	10.24	10.32	10.18
NONELECTRICAL MACHINERY	450.36	441.41	440.75	41.7	41.1	41.0	10.80	10.74	10.75
ELECTRIC AND ELECTRONIC MACH.	408.00	404.00	397.44	40.8	40.4	41.1	10.00	10.00	9.67
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	485.14	483.59	476.39	40.7	40.4	40.1	11.92	11.97	11.88
INSTRUMENTS AND RELATED PROD.	407.23	411.07	395.69	40.2	40.7	40.5	10.13	10.10	9.77
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURES	403.49	408.31	377.21	43.2	42.8	40.3	9.34	9.54	9.36
NONDURABLE GOODS	355.50	348.81	336.87	39.5	38.8	38.9	9.00	8.99	8.66
FOOD AND KINDRED PRODUCTS	392.00	385.09	381.51	40.0	39.7	40.5	9.80	9.70	9.42
TOBACCO PRODUCTS	243.39	238.60	249.29	40.7	39.9	40.8	5.98	5.98	6.11
TEXTILE MILL PRODUCTS	274.62	270.82	272.23	39.4	38.8	39.8	6.97	6.98	6.84
APPAREL AND RELATED PRODUCTS	205.91	199.58	217.46	34.9	33.6	37.3	5.90	5.94	5.83
PAPER PRODUCTS	467.19	457.68	444.87	44.2	43.3	42.9	10.57	10.57	10.37
PRINTING AND PUBLISHING	431.43	424.34	397.70	39.8	39.4	38.8	10.84	10.77	10.25
CHEMICAL AND ALLIED PRODUCTS	504.70	494.06	480.36	43.1	42.3	42.1	11.71	11.68	11.41
PETROLEUM AND COAL PRODUCTS	554.03	574.25	561.00	41.5	42.6	42.5	13.35	13.48	13.20
RUBBER AND PLASTICS PRODUCTS	380.42	377.78	348.57	42.6	42.4	41.3	8.93	8.91	8.44
LEATHER PRODUCTS	222.59	219.13	213.70	37.6	36.1	37.1	5.92	6.07	5.76
SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES:									
ANTHRACITE COAL MINING	396.06	385.44	458.90	34.5	33.4	40.9	11.48	11.54	11.22
BITUMINOUS COAL MINING	642.28	617.42	557.72	42.2	40.7	38.2	15.22	15.17	14.60
COMMUNICATIONS	518.90	527.75	524.00	39.4	39.8	40.0	13.17	13.26	13.10
ELECTRIC, GAS, & SANITARY	631.49	638.06	595.12	42.9	43.2	42.6	14.72	14.77	13.97
GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORES	179.51	18[illegible].52	178.48	29.0	29.4	29.5	6.19	6.14	6.05

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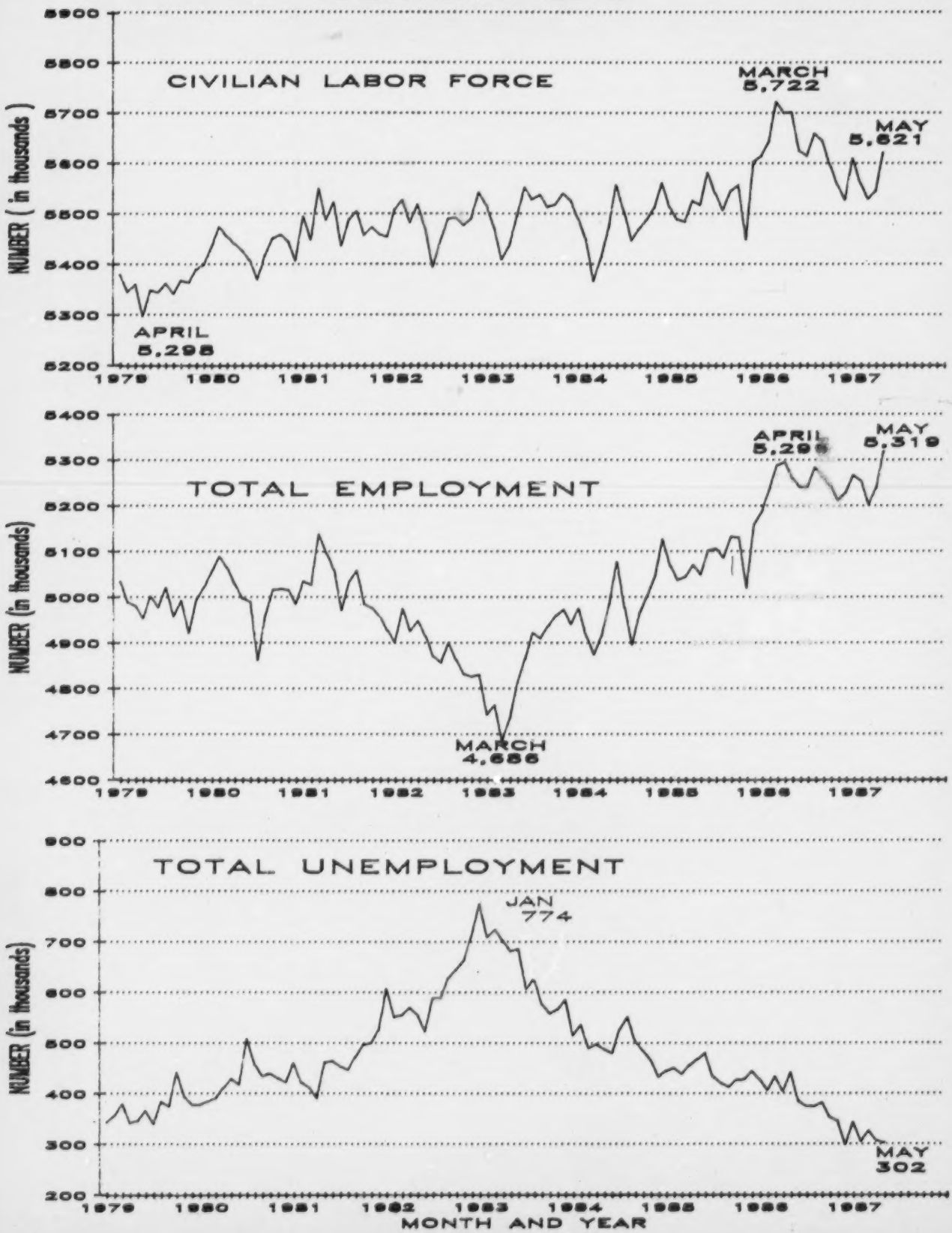

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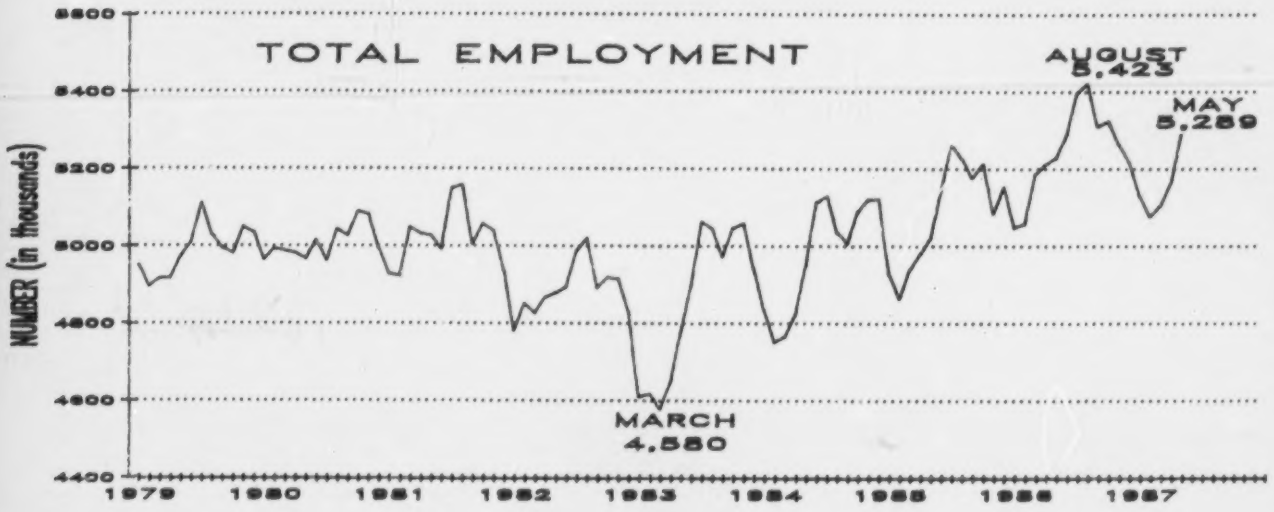

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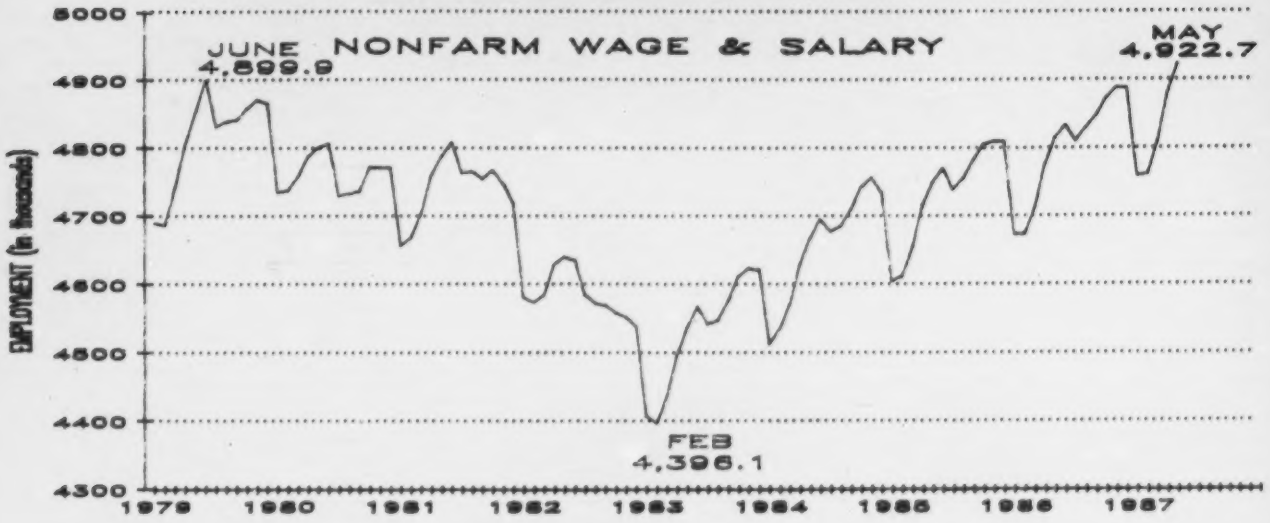

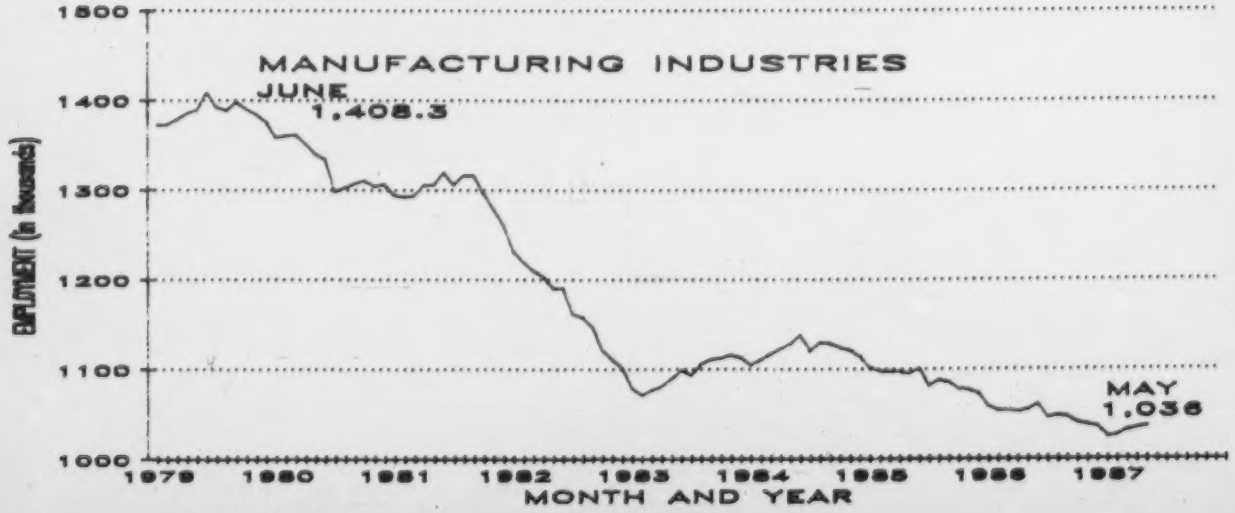

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